

Application No. 09/921,620
Amendment dated December 22, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action dated July 27, 2005
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Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action dated July 27, 2005, with the time to respond having been extended by separate petition to December 27, 2005, has been noted and its contents carefully studied. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the form of claims 17 – 20 has been noted. Accordingly, claims 1, 8, 14-20 have been canceled and new independent claims 21-24 have been added. It is noted that new claims 21-24 are independent claims corresponding to allowable claims 17-20. The other dependent claims have been amended to depend from allowable claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully urged that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In addition to requesting prompt allowance of the application, Applicants hereby also request a refund of the two-month of time extension of time fee and a resetting of the time to respond to the Office Action in this application. Several conversations were held with the Examiner in this application pointing out that the Office Action was mailed to an erroneous party and was never received by Applicants. The Examiner's position was that the Change of Address submitted by Applicants was not in the file record. However, it was pointed out that when one searches the Image File Wrapper on the U.S. Patent Office website, the Change of Address clearly appears such that the mailing to an unknown party was a clear error by the Patent Office. A copy of the Change of Address from the Patent Office's own website is attached hereto. Accordingly, it is respectfully urged and requested that the extension of time fee be returned to Applicants.

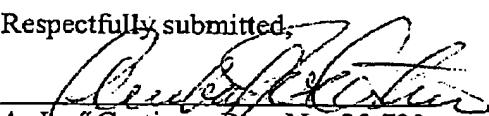
Also enclosed is a Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing art cited in the corresponding PCT application and in Office Actions issued in co-pending applications. This art had not been cited because Applicants had ceased all work on patents due to financial issues, or because Applicants only recently became aware of the art in co-pending applications. The Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the fee required to ensure consideration.

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For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully urged that the application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to immediate issuance. Nonetheless, should the Examiner still have any questions or comments, she is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,


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